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To require a study and report of the historical and cultural significance of the Madame C.J. Walker-Villa Lewaro National Historic Landmark.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To require a study and report of the historical and cultural significance of the Madame C.J. Walker-Villa Lewaro National Historic Landmark.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Madame C.J. Walker-
5 Villa Lewaro Historical and Cultural Study Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the study and interpretation of the life of
9 Madame C.J. Walker and the historic significance of
10 her estate at Villa Lewaro would contribute to a

1 deeper understanding of African-American culture
2 and history and of American history in general;

3 (2) Villa Lewaro was used by Madame C.J.
4 Walker as a meeting place for noted African-
5 American scholars and civic officials of her day; and

6 (3) it was Madame C.J. Walker's intent that
7 upon her death Villa Lewaro would continue to be
8 used as a conference center and meeting place for
9 scholarly pursuits related to the study of African-
10 American culture and history.

11 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
13 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”)
14 shall conduct a study on—

15 (1) the historical and cultural significance of
16 the Madame C.J. Walker-Villa Lewaro National
17 Landmark (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the
18 “National Landmark”), located at 67 North Broad-
19 way, Irvington-on-Hudson, New York;

20 (2) the appropriateness of designating the Na-
21 tional Landmark as a national historic site; and

22 (3) the feasibility of acquiring the National
23 Landmark together with such structures and im-
24 provements thereon and such personal property as-

1 sociated with the National Landmark as the Sec-
2 retary deems appropriate.

3 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall prepare
4 the study required by subsection (a) in consultation
5 with—

6 (1) scholars of African-American history and
7 historic preservation; and

8 (2) 1 or more scholarly and public historical or-
9 ganizations knowledgeable in African-American his-
10 tory, in order to ensure that such study is prepared
11 in accordance with generally accepted scholarly
12 standards.

13 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

14 The Secretary shall prepare and submit a report to
15 the Congress containing the findings and recommenda-
16 tions of the study required by section 3 not later than 1
17 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 Amounts shall be made available to carry out this Act
20 only to the extent such amounts are made available in ad-
21 vance in appropriations Acts.

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